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AGAWAM YMCA

Help from VOC will keep local 'Y' open

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The Holyoke-based Valley Opportunity Council will step in to keep Agawam's YMCA from closing next month, the Y's executive director announced last week.

In an email to members of the Agawam YMCA Wellness and Family Program Center, local Executive Director Andrew Melendez said the new partnership

with VOC will allow the Springfield Street fitness and community center to stay open past the May 31 closing date announced in March by the YMCA of Greater Springfield. The only change will be the name, he said.

"All of the equipment, staff, and current classes will stay when we become the West of the River Family Center," Melendez said. "We are excited to announce membership rates and hours will

also stay the same."

Patrons will be able to purchase memberships in the new family center starting Friday, May 13, Melendez said. He said the family center hopes to have a membership app (search for "West of the River Family Center") available for Android devices and iPhones as early as this week. Melendez said anyone with questions about membership could also send him a text message or

call 413-210-2945.

The organization will hold a fundraiser sometime before the June 1 transition, he added.

VOC will pay thousands of dollars up front — they expect to end up spending about \$10,000 or \$15,000 — to pay startup costs such as rent, equipment rentals and salaries until membership dues and donations are high enough to meet expenses. The long-term plan is for the two non-

profits to complement each other and share resources, but not for one to rely on the other financially.

Stephen Huntley, executive director of VOC, said the partnership in Agawam "sort of fell into our lap, and we see it as a great opportunity to improve our services in Agawam, West Springfield and Westfield."

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EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

State won't help build new preschool

Parcel adjacent to Clark School is favored for facility to replace Perry Lane

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School officials have identified a new home for the town's kindergartners and preschoolers, but finding the funds to build it will be more difficult.

Earlier this year, an official from the Massachusetts School Building Authority said state will not even

consider paying a portion of the cost of replacing the current Early Childhood Center on Perry Lane, according to School Supt. William Sapelli.

"They don't fund preschools," Sapelli said last week. "They will fund any portion that's associated with use for a kindergarten or upper grade levels. ... [But] our kindergartens aren't overcrowded."

Agawam school officials have been pushing for a new ECC to relieve a space crunch at the "temporary" Perry Lane structure that opened in 1994. Some overflow preschool classes are now held in Clark and Granger schools. Sapelli would like to build a new facility large enough to serve both

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Afternoon drill



Members of Agawam's seventh and eighth grade youth girls lacrosse team line up for a drill Tuesday afternoon at Phelps School. More photos, page 10. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL



Vincent Rodier, left, and Donovan Salva, both fourth-graders at Robinson Park School, meet with Principal Cynthia Palazzi in her office as they start their journey as "principals for a day." TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

Fourth-graders choose to learn what it's like to lead

By Mike Lydick
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Most kids dread a trip to the principal's office, and every moment there.

But two fourth graders at Robinson Park School actually asked recently to visit with Principal Cynthia Palazzi — for a whole school day. For them it was a reward, not

punishment.

Donovan "Donny" Salva, 9, and Vincent "Vinny" Rodier, 10, came up with the idea to be "principals for a day" after declining other possible prizes — including a limousine ride to school — as the school's top fundraisers collecting money to help children with heart problems. After some brainstorming, they hit upon the idea of being

principal for a day together.

"We thought it would be cool. Plus, we wanted to learn what Mrs. Palazzi does," said Donny. "Besides," he added, "I had a limo ride last year as a prize when I was in third grade, so I had already done that."

Vinny said he lives two miles

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Senior artists' reception next week

Artwork by Agawam senior citizens is on display all month at the Agawam Senior Center, 945 Main St. The exhibit, in the upstairs ballroom, features works by students in Gloria McLellan's Open Art class at the Senior Center. All are invited to an artists' reception next Thursday, May 19, from 1 to 3 p.m. "We've got some fantastic art this year," McLellan said. She added that drop-ins are always welcome at weekly classes, which are held 1-3 p.m. Thursdays in the Senior Center. The cost to participate is \$3 per class.

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Women's Club meeting open to all

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club will meet Tuesday, May 17, at the Agawam Senior Center. Social time with refreshments begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program and business meeting at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be T Jablanski, GFWC leadership chairman and Massachusetts clubwoman, whose presentation will focus on "Generational Difference." Some of the common generational traits represented in the club's membership that impact communication will be examined. Jablanski will talk about what motivates each generation, what impact those inter-generational interactions have on communication and how increasing awareness can improve communications. The Senior Center is at 954 Main St., Agawam. All are invited.

Chamber networking event at Cal's May 19

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The West of the River Chamber of Commerce will hold its next networking lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Cal's Wood Fired Grill, 1068 Riverdale St., West Springfield. The social networking event is open to Chamber members and guests. The only cost to attend is the cost of the lunch. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 413-426-3880 or email info@westoftheriverchamber.com.

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Kiwanis club hosts membership open house

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The Kiwanis Club of West Springfield and Agawam will host a membership open house from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, at the Monte Carlo Restaurant, 1020 Memorial Ave. in West Springfield. Kiwanis is a service organization committed to supporting youth in the community. Individuals who reside or work in the West Springfield and Agawam communities, interested in making a difference in the community, are welcome to attend. To register, contact Robin Parent, club president, at 413-209-0369 or email robin.parent@comcast.net. More information is available at Volunteer413.com.



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Library book sale is next weekend

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library are preparing for the annual used book sale to be held next week.

A special preview sale for members only will be held 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 19, in the Community Room at the library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam. The sale will be open to the public Friday, May 20, 2-5 p.m. for a \$3 charge, and Saturday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at no charge. Members of the Friends of the Agawam Library will be admitted free on Thursday and Friday.

All proceeds go to support programs at the library. The Friends of the Agawam Public Library is a nonprofit, 501c3 tax-exempt organization whose mission is to support the town library by providing fundraisers, workshops and educational activities, and volunteer services.

For more information, write to Friends of the Agawam Public Library, P.O. Box 478, Feeding Hills, MA 01030-0478. The Friends group is not connected to any local, state, or federal government agency.

Health Fair slated for May 21 at Jr. High

The Agawam Junior High School will hold its second annual Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 21. The health fair will focus on diabetes, cardiovascular health and healthy living. The public is invited.

Attendees will have the opportunity to benefit from free screening and measurements of blood sugar and blood pressure. Educational information will also be available on smoking cessation, suicide prevention, nutrition, hearing loss, substance abuse prevention, health insurance information and lupus awareness.

The AJHS PTO is also hosting a tag sale on that day. Spots are available for \$25 each or \$35 for two. To reserve a spot, check out the AJHS News.

For more information on the health fair, contact Anastasia Moysis, seventh grade health teacher, at AJHS, 1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, 413-821-0561.

Theroux pulls out of ‘nasty’ rep. race

By Michael J. Ballway
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Less than a month after announcing his candidacy for state representative, City Councilor Richard Theroux quit the race this week, saying it had turned negative and he and his wife “didn’t have the stomach” for a “nasty” campaign.

“I can’t change and I’m not going to change,” Theroux said. “That’s why I’m not going to do this. This is the way the campaign is starting out, obviously this was the way it was going to go.”

Theroux said the tone of the race was set when the state Republican Party faulted him for setting up his campaign website — a fundraising tool — before submitting his nomination papers. The Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance also raised questions about his retirement health benefits.

He said those groups would not have come after him without the knowledge of state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, the Republican current officeholder.

“People have advised me, well, now you’ve got to hit him back,” Theroux said. “I want to hit him with an issue, I want to hit him with a vote I don’t agree with that he’s taken. I don’t want to hit him with mud.”

On Friday, Theroux was the subject of a full Howie Carr column in the Boston Herald, sarcastically inducting him into the “Massachusetts Hack Hall of Fame” for collecting his pension as a town retiree while also being paid part-time salaries as a city councilor and as chairman and treasurer of the Hampden County public employees retirement system, and seeking a \$60,000-per-year legislator’s salary.

“It’s public knowledge that I was the clerk for 32 years here in Agawam,” Theroux said this week. “I worked 32 years, contributed my money in my own paycheck to get a pension. I’ve done the work. I worked 32 years, had great evaluations, and the



Richard Theroux in his Town Hall office just after his 2015 announcement that he would resign as town clerk. FILE PHOTO

three mayors I worked for, [Christopher] Johnson, [Richard] Cohen and [Susan] Dawson, ... they are all supporting me. Johnson’s a Republican, Dawson’s an independent, Cohen’s a Democrat.”

Theroux said he had been receiving bipartisan support in Agawam because the town “needs a state representative at the table, helping us every day,” and Boldyga, a Southwick Republican, has not been present in the district’s largest town.

Theroux said he was planning to run a campaign focused on Boldyga’s record.

“I’ve run in seven elections. I’ve never run a nasty campaign, I’ve never gone after anyone’s personal situations, I’ve just put myself out there and what my ideas are,” Theroux said.

Boldyga said this week that he is often in Agawam, and said a glance at his Face-

book.com page would show it.

Carr, in a blog post Tuesday, called Theroux’s withdrawal “another notch in my belt” as an opponent of what he calls the “hackarama” of career politicians and bureaucrats.

“Mr. Carr, you’ve got to take him for what he is,” responded Theroux. “Unless he spins it a certain way, I guess he doesn’t have a column.”

Theroux was the only challenger in the race, leaving Boldyga, for now, with no opponents in sight. Another Democrat could still make it onto the November ballot by mounting a write-in campaign during the September state primary election.

Theroux said he is proud to serve on the Agawam City Council and plans to remain in the seat to which he was elected last November.

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Opinion

OUR VIEW

Just say yes to overdose drug

On the heels of last week's news that School Supt. William Sapelli wants to stock Narcan in Agawam school nurses' offices, the usual cynics online came out in force to complain.

Narcan — an easily administered nasal spray that can reverse the effects of a heroin overdose — has quickly become an essential tool for police and EMTs, like automatic defibrillators a decade ago, and Sapelli wants it — like defibrillators — available to save a life in all Agawam schools.

The argument against Narcan is familiar to the "Just Say No" crowd: Make overdoses more survivable and all you'll do is encourage more overdoses. You hear similar criticisms leveled at needle exchange programs and at judges who treat drug addiction as a health problem, rather than a crime. They're coddling these addicts, critics say. Let a few of them go to prison or die and the rest will smarten up.

Yet drug addicts — even those who never overdose or never go to court — hardly lead a coddled life, and it hasn't stopped the epidemic. Addicts are incarcerated every day, and it hasn't stopped the epidemic. Addicts die every day, and it hasn't stopped the epidemic.

Society shouldn't be encouraging such self-destructive behavior, and more to the point, the Agawam School Department shouldn't be encouraging illegal drug use. But Narcan doesn't encourage drug use, any more than defibrillators encourage overeating, or the Jaws of Life encourage reckless driving. Saving the life of an overdose victim won't change the grim reality of drug use. All it will do is save a life — and save the heartbreak of an innocent family that doesn't deserve to lose a loved one.

Furthermore, though Sapelli noted that Narcan in schools could conceivably be used to save the life of a staff member, parent or visitor, the more likely scenario — particularly in the high and junior high schools — is that if it is ever used, it will be on a student. Most students are legal minors, living under the care of parents or guardians and supervised by the schools while on campus. They're not fully fledged adults and it's appropriate for the schools to give them second chances, whether it's the opportunity to retake MCAS or a medical intervention to save their lives.

Agawam is trying hard to prevent drug use, through the longstanding DARE program, school resource officers and the recent social media focus on the opioid epidemic. No matter how hard we try, some of our children will turn to drugs. Our response should be to pull them off this self-destructive path, to make them realize that they can find peace without drugs, and to save their lives — not to cold-bloodedly let them die "as an example to the others."

Illegal drug use should be discouraged, treated, and, if necessary, punished, but it shouldn't be a death sentence.

What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to aan@turley.com.

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Letter to the Editor



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Thanks AJHS for soccer gear donation

Editor's note: The writer of this letter, addressed to the students and staff of Agawam Junior High School, asked that we reprint it in the Agawam Advertiser News to recognize the school's donation to Assumption Women's Soccer in Haiti.

Dear Agawam Junior High,

Thank you for your generous donation of soccer clothes and gear for the children of Haiti. They truly appreciated all of the wonderful apparel you donated. It meant so much to them to have new soccer gear to wear while playing on their new turf field. Regardless of the language barrier, your donations allowed us to connect with the Haitian children through our mutual love of soccer. Having new clothes, cleats, and equipment to play with gave them something to look forward to on a daily basis. Donating these clothes meant so much more to the Haitian children than you can imagine. Thank you again for being so charitable.

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YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS



Can you name all five of these 1960 Monty and the Specialties band members? Answer in next column.

Finding Ralph Strom and Marty Balboni

The '66s are meeting to plan their 50th reunion. One committee member told me recently about a letter from a found classmate who described high school as one of the worst experiences of his life, that he hates his classmates who bullied him and that he never wants to see any of them again. Guess he won't be buying a reunion ticket.

My class of '63 had a classmate who was ready to disown his sister for telling us his address and phone number. Fortunately, stories like that are the exception and most found classmates are somewhat eager to learn about their high school friends.

This past December, I was reading some notes in the morning, reviewing a few "want to do" lists. Two names were together on one page: Henry Lacour and Ralph Strom. They were '63s at some point but they did not graduate with us. Why? What happened? Where are they now?

Later in the day, a young mechanic was fixing my car and we got talking. He told me he was Ralph Strom. Eager to find out more, I asked if he was a junior. Sure. His dad Ralph Sr. lives in Montana and went to school here a long time ago.

A week or two later I got a letter from Ralph Sr. of Helena, Mont. He explained that when he was in eighth grade here in Agawam, he was offered a chance to take the machine shop course at Springfield Trade. By June of 1961, he enlisted in the Navy Seabees but stayed in school. In 1965, two years after Ralph's high school graduation from Trade, the Seabees called Ralph to active duty and he got a free trip to Vietnam. Somehow, Ralph's name is not on the plaque at Veterans Green on Main Street. Since he was a town resident when he joined the Seabees, that should have put him on the plaque. Could be a perfect project for Gary Janulewicz.

After Vietnam, Ralph ended up as a truck driver. He has driven all 48 contiguous states and four Canadian provinces,

but found some land in Montana 26 years ago, and that's home now. After eight children and over a dozen grandchildren, surely there will be some Stroms for a long time.



Walt Willard

The class of '63 really enjoys finding lost classmates who grew up with us but didn't graduate with us. Joan Allen, Robynn Stewart, Jim Liamis, Stanley Harwood and Ralph DePalma are a few more of our honorary class members. Each of them has a story about what happened over 50 years ago and why they aren't in the '63 Schem. (Joan and Robynn's families moved away in 1962.)

The '63s recently tried to find Marty Balboni. Cliff Sheard '63 was pretty sure he was in the picture taken of some of us on the steps of the old high school. Finally, I agreed to do some searching. Calling Ken Balboni in West Springfield produced an excellent lead. Marty was his brother and went to junior high in Agawam. His name was in the phone book. Can't get any simpler than that. Talk about feeling stupid. The CIA search I had envisioned was unnecessary. One simple phone call was enough.

Two weeks ago, Marty called Cliff Sheard down in Florida. I hadn't told Cliff about my extensive research, so Cliff was surprised when the caller asked, "Does anyone still call you Peachy?"

In the next 30 minutes, Cliff learned that his junior high friend had gone to a prep school instead of AHS, graduated from Assumption College and stayed right here in Western Mass. Now a retired Chicopee school teacher, Marty is still friends with Bill Broggi '63. They no longer go down to the river behind Dunkin' Donuts but that memory still lives on.

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.

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'Women or What?' to benefit Open Pantry

Springfield-based stylist Tony Isham will present "WOW — Women or What?" an evening of entertainment featuring female impersonators to be held Friday, June 3, at Chez Josef in Agawam.

The event is designed for an 18-and-older crowd and will benefit Open Pantry Community Services Inc. Isham has presented the event annually for 18 years, designating a charity each time to benefit from the evening's proceeds. Open Pantry has been selected on six past occasions.

There will be a cocktail hour from 7-8 p.m. that evening, including hors d'oeuvres, followed by the show at 8 p.m. The evening will also feature a silent auction and a 50-50 raffle, both to benefit Open Pantry.

Individual tickets are \$45. Tables of 10 can be booked for \$400 with assigned seating, and VIP tables of 10 are available for \$500, also with assigned seating. VIP tables will receive priority seating and a complimentary beverage and appetizer.

For tickets, contact Lynne Goldberg at 413-530-8453 or Kim Kennedy, of Open Pantry, at 413-746-6241.

DEATH NOTICES

Benerakis, Antonios J.
Died May 6
Funeral May 11
Curran-Jones Funeral Home
West Springfield

Daponte, Rose G.
Died May 3
Funeral May 10
Colonial Forastiere Funeral
Home of Agawam

Hoague, Patricia A.
Died May 6
Funeral May 9
Tazzini Funeral and Crema-
tion Services
Springfield

Jackson, Ronald F.
Died May 4
Memorial service May 15
Christ Church United
Methodist
Southwick
Southwick-Forastiere Funeral
Home

O'Connell, Annmarie
Died May 5
Funeral May 9
Agawam Funeral Home Inc.

Phaneuf, Eva
Died May 5
Funeral May 9
Kozikowski Funeral Home
Chicopee

Radwilowicz, Karen A.
Died May 5
Funeral May 12
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Riley, Geraldine G.
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Funeral May 16
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He noted that VOC already provides fuel assistance in Agawam and West Springfield, but those clients have to visit a VOC office in Westfield for service. Partnering with the West of the River Family Center would bring VOC services closer to both towns.

Huntley said VOC is also considering renting the vacant storefront next to the current YMCA — which had once been discussed as a potential site for YMCA expansion — to house VOC early education programs.

Expanded services in Agawam likely won't begin until the fall, at the earliest, Huntley said: "Frankly, right now our priority is keeping the doors and open and the lights on."

Melendez said he's looking forward to "a great connection ... a great collaboration" with VOC.

"They're going to be providing fuel assistance, WIC, housing vouchers, full-day childcare and they would love to expand on health and wellness for the community, as well," Melendez said.

He has his own big plans for expansion, too: "More member-to-member engagement, that's a focus we want to have, having networking events for families, family events on the weekends, even having social events every month to have members come together. There's going to be more to come."

He echoed, however, that in the short term, YMCA members should expect the new West of the River Family Center to operate almost exactly as the former Agawam Y did.

Melendez said one change he hopes to make immediately is to improve the family center's cafe, which offers smoothies and other healthy fare. Another change, discussed as a longer-term goal, would be a second level of membership that allows 24-hour access to the workout room.

The Agawam YMCA was founded in October 2014 as a branch of the Springfield Y. That organization abruptly announced in March that it would close the Agawam branch, citing deficits and a failure to meet membership targets. Responding to an

What is VOC?

Valley Opportunity Council provides a wide array of social services in the Pioneer Valley, including transportation, early education, fuel assistance, WIC (nutritional assistance for women and infants), senior programs and housing assistance, including its own shelter.

The nonprofit was chartered to serve the needs of Holyoke and Chicopee residents and remains primarily focused on those two cities, but some of its programs serve clients in other towns.

"We have been looking for a way to improve our footprint in Agawam," said VOC Executive Director Stephen Huntley. "Currently, we provide fuel assistance to low-income folks in Agawam, we have about a dozen home daycare providers in Agawam, we have a van that circulates, providing transportation to those folks."

Although the organization has never operated a fitness center, it does have extensive experience running daycares, shelters, office buildings and other properties, Huntley said. The organization has 300 employees.

VOC's \$28 million annual budget is funded by federal, state and local grants, and by donations. The startup funding for the West of the River Family Center is coming from VOC's reserves, Huntley said.

outcry from Y members and other Agawam residents, the Agawam YMCA staff and Advisory Board began almost immediately to investigate ways to keep the facility open without YMCA sponsorship.

"This is something the community has pushed for," Melendez said. "They were pushing for a family center for the past 10 years. ... Without the member support and without their encouragement, this wouldn't be possible."

Changing the name to "West of the River" is intended to draw support for the facility from neighboring towns such as Southwick, Suffield and particularly West Springfield.



Robinson Park Principal Cynthia Palazzi confers with fourth graders Donovan Salva, left, and Vincent Rodier during a classroom observation as part of their "principals for a day" experience. They accompanied her to classroom observations of teachers to get a better understanding of her typical day. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

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from the school, "so it wouldn't be much fun to take a limo to school. It would be a very short ride."

"They were adamant that they wanted this as their prize," said Palazzi. The school raised nearly \$9,500 for the American Heart Association, with Donny and Vinny each collecting more than \$1,000.

So, on a Monday morning in late April, they found themselves sitting in Palazzi's office ready to learn about being a principal.

And learn they did. Donny and Vinny didn't just hang out in her office all day. Instead, Palazzi spent "quality time" with them, explaining nearly every facet of her work during a typical day. One of the first things they did was accompany Palazzi to classroom observations of teachers.

Helping observe

Walking down the hall to their first classroom, Donny and Vinny thought they were going to be checking up on students to decide which ones would be passed to the next grade. But Palazzi explained that teachers make that decision. She told them her classrooms visits are to make sure teachers are doing what is needed to help students learn.

The experience not only changed misperceptions Donny and Vinny had about what Palazzi does in classrooms, but it also gave them a better understanding of why she needs to observe to teachers to evaluate how they are teaching students.

"We had to go to a lot of classrooms to check on teachers — even the special teachers for science and music — to see how well they were teaching students," said Vinny. "We saw kids working on projects and doing other things, but we had to focus on the teachers."

"The evaluation process was pretty extensive," added Donny. "I learned why it was important for the principal to evaluate teachers." He said he also discovered that principals need to make "observation notes" and then submit those notes to

teachers after their observations.

After each classroom visit, Palazzi conferred with Donny and Vinny to ask them about what they saw. She added that it was "great" doing a couple of classroom observations with them.

"With each one, they really became very insightful," she said.

'Principal eyes'

But perhaps the most eye-opening experience for the fourth-graders was recess duty.

"It really opened our eyes — we saw kids doing good things, but also a lot of bad things," said Donny.

Vinny also noticed more kids misbehaving during recess as he watched from a new perspective: "As a kid, I might think it's funny. But seeing it through my 'principal eyes,' it wasn't."

Another lesson the boys learned about being a principal is that days can often be driven by interruptions.

"She never knows what can happen in her day," said Donny.

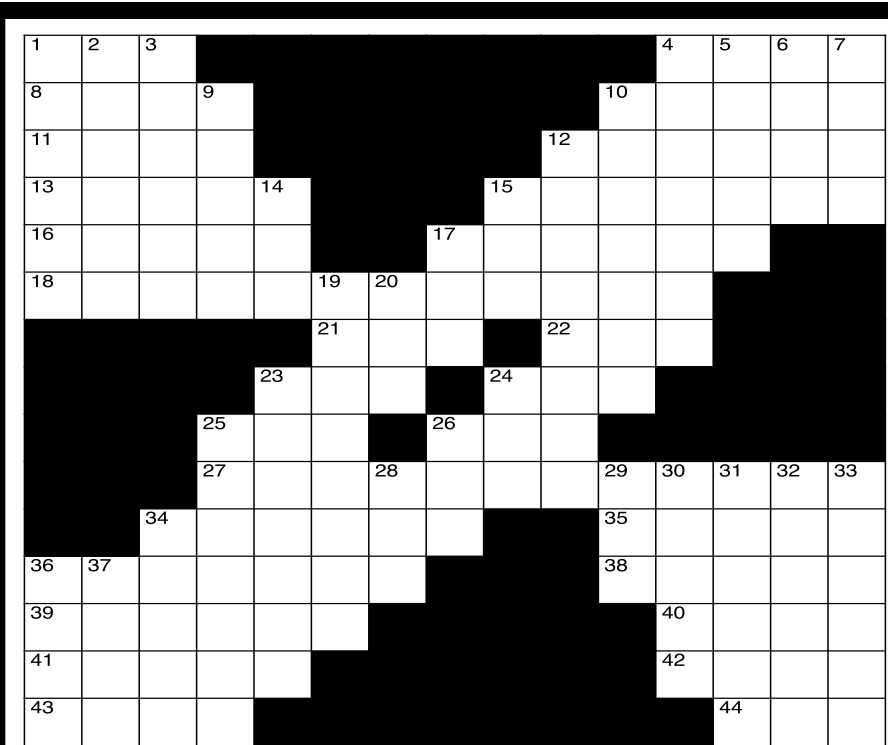
"When interruptions occur, she has to remember everything she was doing so later she can get back to work and not forget what she was doing," said Vinny.

Palazzi was "pleasantly surprised" about how productive the day was for her and the students. When it began, she thought the day would be very long. Instead, she found it wasn't long enough — and it went by very quickly.

"It was a great opportunity for them. This is a day they will talk about and remember for a long time to come. I definitely hope this continues next year with the new principal," said Palazzi, who retires June 30. "I'm certain they have a newfound appreciation for what I do each day. Maybe one day one of them will follow in my footsteps — either one would be a good candidate."

Both Donny and Vinny said the day made them think about being principals.

Said Donny, "I didn't think about it before this, but now I might consider it." He added that being principal would be a "cool job."



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Administrative Review Board
- 4. Not worried
- 8. Rowan Atkinson played him
- 10. Stars
- 11. Indian city
- 12. North American nation
- 13. He partnered with Garfunkel
- 15. Understood
- 16. Foe
- 17. Jewish state
- 18. 2015 postseason hero
- 21. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 22. Goddess of the dawn
- 23. ___ Squad
- 24. Belonging to a thing
- 25. Food-related allergic reaction (abbr.)
- 26. Car mechanics group
- 27. Exceed in weight
- 34. Deserved
- 35. Singer Thicke
- 36. Clemencies
- 38. Critique
- 39. Resented
- 40. Type of tissue
- 41. Passages
- 42. It comes in a can
- 43. His heart is in San Francisco
- 44. Retirement account

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Belittled
- 2. Actress King
- 3. They pour drinks
- 4. Communicates
- 5. Take advantage of
- 6. Take on cargo
- 7. A stiff drink
- 9. Actress Watts
- 10. Natives of the American Southwest
- 12. Covered
- 14. The Science Guy Bill
- 15. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 17. Contraceptive device
- 19. Unfastened
- 20. ___ student, learns healing
- 23. Ties the knot
- 24. Actor McKellen
- 25. Optical phenomenon
- 26. Turf
- 28. Foot (Latin)
- 29. Flub
- 30. Birds settle here
- 31. Calculator
- 32. Herbal tea
- 33. Catch
- 34. Pitcher Santana
- 36. Not for vegetarians
- 37. Japanese novelist

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Public Safety

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 322 calls for service from May 2 to May 8. The department recorded three arrests in its public log. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Thursday, May 5

David F. Class, 21, of 76 Chestnut St., Apt. A, Chicopee, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of alcohol and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Saturday, May 7

Luis Santos, 21, of 53 Colonial Ave., Springfield, was arrested on charges of failure to stop for police, operating a motor vehicle with license suspended subsequent offense, speeding in violation of special regulation, negligent operating of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, and failure to signal.

Mohsin Bashir Mohsin, 18, of 46B Richard St., Worcester, was arrested on a charge of assault and battery on a child with injury.

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 79 EMS calls from April 26 to May 2, and the following emergency response calls.

On April 26 at 10:19 a.m., the department responded to Forest Hill Road for person in distress, other.

On April 26 at 1:30 p.m., the department responded to Lancaster Drive for lockout.

On April 26 at 8:37 p.m., the department responded to N. West Street, was dispatched and canceled en route.

On April 27 at 4:54 a.m., the department responded to Oak Hill Avenue for CO detector activation due to malfunction.

On April 27 at 9:16 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for citizen complaint.

On April 28 at 7:35 a.m., the department responded to William Street for public service.

On April 28 at 2:25 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On April 28 at 10:56 p.m., the department responded to Norman Terrace to assist police or other governmental

agency.

On April 29 at 4:31 a.m., the department responded to Paul Revere Drive to assist police or other governmental agency.

On April 29 at 11:06 a.m., the department responded to Walnut Street Ext. for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On April 30 at 7 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for alarm system activation, no fire — unintentional.

On April 30 at 10:14 a.m., the department responded to Route 5 South for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On April 30 at 2:09 p.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On May 1 at 9:37 a.m., the department responded to Autumn Street for steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke.

On May 2 at 11:30 p.m., the department responded to South End Bridge Circle for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

Library art exhibit to run through May 31

The Agawam Public Library is showing a group exhibition of works featuring Skylar Barden of Southwick, an intern with Free Lunch Studios, through May 31, with a reception and meet-and-greet with the artists from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 24.

The exhibition will also feature works by Matt Ryan, owner and chief illustrator at Free Lunch Comics. Selected artists from classes, workshops and events will be featured in the show, along with Barden and Ryan. The pieces on display range from sketches to finished works of art using

media such as charcoal and ink, acrylic and watercolor.

Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the library at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

Free Lunch Studios, formerly based in Granby, recently moved to the Tariffville Mill in nearby Simsbury, Conn., in March. Ryan produces his freelance work, publishes and conducts classes in that location. Ryan also gives lectures on cartooning to all ages.

Networking event at Storowton in June

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The West of the River Chamber of Commerce will present “Wicked Wednesday” from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, at Storowton Tavern, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

The event is free for Chamber members, \$10 for non-members, and is open to all. Non-members must pay at the door.

Wicked Wednesdays are monthly social events, hosted by various businesses and restaurants, bringing members and non-members together to social network in a relaxed atmosphere.

For more information contact the Chamber at 413-426-3880 or info@westoftheriverchamber.com.



Agawam’s historical museum is in the former No. 3 Fire House on Elm Street. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

Firehouse Museum open Memorial Day

The Agawam Historical and Firehouse Museum at 35 Elm St., Agawam, will be open Monday, May 30, from noon to 3 p.m. and will feature a special exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Eastern States Exhibition. For more information, visit www.agawamhistoricalassociation.webs.com or follow on Facebook.

Martial arts studio to host expo

SPRINGFIELD — Harnessing Muay Boran LLC, a Muay Thai martial arts studio in Feeding Hills owned by Vakny Chomany, will host “Kick Start in Martial Arts,” a two-day expo focusing on how martial arts plays a vital role in health and wellness, at the MassMutual Center on Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18.

Kick Start in Martial Arts will showcase martial arts schools and programs from along the Connecticut River Valley and the Pioneer Valley, giving current as well as new fans and participants a chance to observe and learn about different skills and style and how to get involved. Attendees will see martial arts experts exhibit their abilities and will have an opportunity to talk to local businesses about health and wellness from an eastern perspective. Along with martial arts demonstrations,

local vendors such as Harness Muay Boran, South End Community Boxing Club and others will be in attendance.

The expo is an inaugural event for the non-profit “Kick Start in Martial Arts” founded by Chomany. The goal of the non-profit is to educate the public about the benefits of martial arts as well as Eastern philosophy.

“That’s why I started the nonprofit Kick Start in martial arts,” Chomany said. “People have no idea about Eastern philosophy or lifestyle, but they are interested in learning.”

Harnessing Muay Boran is at 338 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

For more information, visit www.kickstartinmartialarts.com. For additional information about the show, visit www.massmutualcenter.com.



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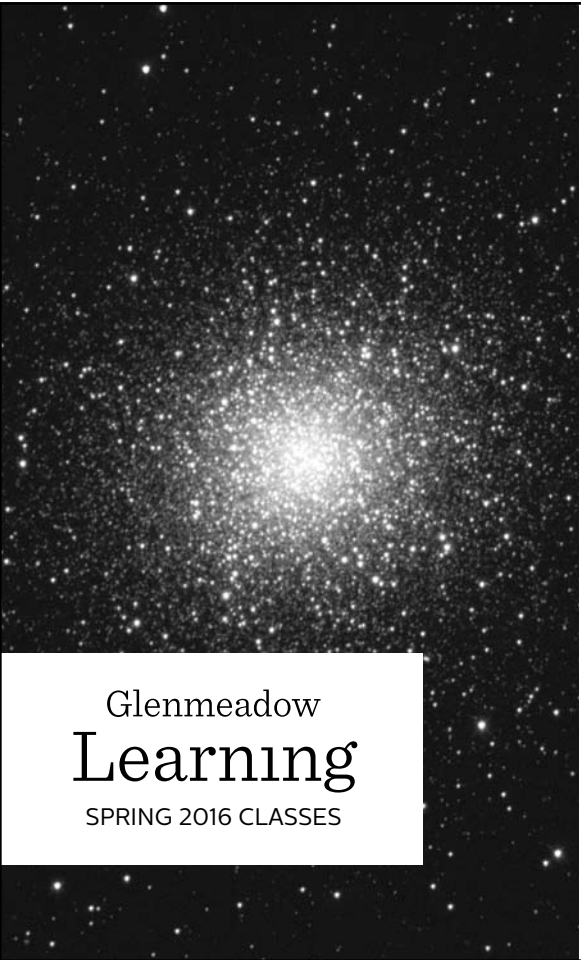
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Youth



Madeline Lopez, center, local branch manager at Westfield Bank, is pictured with the winners of the Junior Women's Club spelling bee, from left, Lisa Hale, Noah Carra, Christopher Rondinelli, Madeline Lopez, Taryn Crowley, Alyssa Drumm and Sara Zahoor. SUBMITTED PHOTO

AJWC announces spelling bee winners

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club held its annual Town-Wide Spelling Bee last week for fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders. Students representing their grades competed within their grade level Friday, May 6, in the auditorium of the Roberta G. Doering School.

All final spellers were awarded certificates of participation. First place winners were awarded \$50 cash, a ribbon and a Words with Friends game. Second place winners were awarded \$25 cash, a ribbon and a Words with Friends game. All cash prizes were do-

nated by Westfield Bank.

The spelling bee will air on the local access TV channel 15 on Wednesdays, May 11 and 18, at 7 p.m.

AJWC member Donna M. Shibley once again moderated the event. The pronouncer was Kathy Mounemneh, retired Agawam High School English teacher and AJWC member. Judges were Linda Sasso, retired Agawam High School Spanish teacher; Maureen Quinn, retired Agawam High School history teacher; and Joanne Brown, retired Agawam High School English teacher. Winners were:

Fourth grade: First place, Lisa Hale, Robinson Park School, Room 15; second place, Noah Carra, Granger School, Room 6.

Fifth grade: First place, Christopher Rondinelli, Doering School, Room 213; second place, Taryn Crowley, Doering School, Room 204.

Sixth grade: First place, Alyssa Drumm, Doering School, Room 314; second place, Sara Zahoor, Doering School, Room 321.

The AJWC is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts, Junior Membership.

Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

Special interest programs

Westfield State University is offering a free summer course to any students participating in any dual-enrollment program for the first time. Interested students must have at least a 2.5 GPA and the course must be in the common core. The dates of the eligible session are May 23 to June 30. If you have questions about the program or would like an application, please see your counselor.

Scholarship information

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Free kids camp at Hope Church

Hope Community Church will offer a free kids camp Monday through Friday, July 18-22, from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration for "Cave Quest" is available online at www.hopcommunitychurchagawam.org. A free gift will be given to all those registered by June 1.

There will be a closing rally for the entire family Friday, July 22, at the church at 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Children must be accompanied by an adult to attend the closing rally.

Signups next week for school robotics teams

Agawam Robotics Education Association will host a registration session for all levels of robotics programs for the 2016-17 school year from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, at the Agawam Public Library.

Registration will be taken for the Junior FIRST Lego League (kindergarten through grade 3), which is sponsored by Agawam Robotics and is offered free of charge; the FIRST Lego League (grades 4-6), at a fee of

\$50 per student and \$25 for each additional student in the same family when signed up at the same time; and FIRST Tech Challenge (grades 7-8), at a fee of \$75 per student.

For more information on FIRST, visit www.usfirst.org. For any questions or for those unable to attend the signup session, contact Wincy Chan at wincychan@com-cast.net.

The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

CAMPUS NOTES

American International College: Viktoriya Maklakova, of Agawam, was the recipient of the John Homer Miller Emerging Leadership Award, given to first-year or sophomore students who have demonstrated leadership early in their college career.

Assumption College: Cristina Zaffetti, of Feeding Hills, received the departmental award for human services and rehabilitation studies with a concentration in communication sciences and disorders at the annual Honors Convocation held April 20.

Jenna Fenton, of Feeding Hills, was inducted into the human services national honor society, Tau Upsilon Alpha.

Keene State College: Ashley Gage, of Agawam, was one of 160 students to pres-

ent their undergraduate research at Keene State College's 16th Annual Academic Excellence Conference held April 9.

St. Lawrence University: Page L. Phillips, of Feeding Hills, has been inducted into the Irving Bacheller Society, the Department of English's honorary society.

Stonehill College: Marisa R. Nieves, of Agawam, was recently inducted into the Lambda Epsilon Sigma Honor Society.

Wentworth Institute of Technology: Mark Dasilva, of Agawam, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

Western New England University: Jo-ann Glantz, of Agawam, and Amy Grindle, of Feeding Hills, were inducted into the Chi Alpha Sigma National Honor Society at ceremonies held March 1.

School Lunch

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, May 16: Chicken smackers with dipping sauce, Tater Tots, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, May 17: Corn dog with dipping sauce, Boston baked beans, potato salad, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, May 18: Chicken filet wrap with assorted sauce, lettuce, tomato and cheese, side of pasta salad, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, May 19: Fresh assorted calzones, garden salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit.

Friday, May 20: Manager's choice.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, May 16: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, baked fries, seasoned green vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, May 17: Loaded nachos (ground turkey, lettuce, tomatoes, salsa), seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, May 18: Ziti with meatballs, whole-grain breadstick, Caesar salad, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, May 19: Barbeque roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, corn bread, baked beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Friday, May 20: Ultra-grain stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL

Monday, May 16: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, baked fries, seasoned green vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, May 17: Tuna boat with Swiss cheese, macaroni salad, celery sticks and ranch dressing, low-fat Doritos, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, May 18: Ziti with meatballs, whole-grain breadstick, Caesar salad, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, May 19: Barbeque roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, corn bread, baked beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Friday, May 20: Ultra-grain stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, May 16: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, baked fries, seasoned green vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, May 17: Baked chicken patty sandwich, low-fat potato chips, carrots and ranch dressing, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, May 18: Ziti with meatballs, whole-grain breadstick, Caesar salad, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, May 19: Tuna salad sandwich, macaroni salad, celery sticks and ranch dressing, low-fat Doritos, fresh and chilled fruit.

Friday, May 20: Ultra-grain stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST MENU ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, May 16: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, cinnamon graham crackers, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

Tuesday, May 17: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted nutri-grain bars, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

Wednesday, May 18: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

Thursday, May 19: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

Friday, May 20: Pillsbury mini pancakes with syrup for dipping, mozzarella cheese string, 1 percent low-fat milk, juice.

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Third-grader Isabella Spaulding stands with her parents at the Cambridge Science Festival last month. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Granger student wins regional science challenge

CAMBRIDGE — Isabella Spaulding, a third-grader at Granger School in Feeding Hills, was a winner of the Curiosity Challenge at the Cambridge Science Festival last month.

Her work was selected by MIT judges from more than 1,000 submissions from private, charter and public schools in the Boston area. The contest asks students between the ages of 5 and 14 to write an essay, draw or take a picture about a topic of curiosity and tell how it prompted them to explore their world.

Isabella's project came from an enrichment activity in teacher Tammy Rumprik's STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) classes at Clark and Granger schools.

Isabella, her parents and Rumprik all attended the science fair in April to see her artwork on display with the other winning pieces in a gallery. Isabella was presented a certificate, bag, bracelet, and book with her winning piece of work printed inside.

"To have a student win the contest from Western Massachusetts was quite an honor, and the event organizers were thrilled"



Isabella Spaulding with her Curiosity Challenge display.

that the Spauldings were able to attend, Rumprik said. "It was a wonderful morning celebrating this student's work and curiosity."

Under her wing



Cindy Weaver, of Agawam, took these photos recently from the window of her home of a mother dove with her new babies. The Agawam Advertiser News welcomes submissions from local photographers — send your images of local events and nature scenes to aan@turley.com. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

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The youth girls lacrosse team has already begun playing games against other teams in the region. Agawam also has a youth boys lacrosse team, which serve as feeder programs to the high school teams.
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Sticking together



Marissa Merriam, 13, heads up the field with the ball.



Above: Anna Russo, 14, runs a full-length field sprint.

At left: Katelynn Gingras runs a sprint during practice.



The Agawam seventh and eighth grade youth girls lacrosse team practices on Tuesday evening at Phelps Elementary School.



Coach John Matuza watches his players take part in agility drills.

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pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. Kindergartens are now housed in the town's four elementary schools — Clark, Granger, Phelps and Robinson Park — along with grades 1-4. Agawam currently has about 260 kindergartners and 200 enrolled preschoolers, Sapelli said.

Sapelli said it is better to house kindergarten and preschool together, rather than keeping pre-K alone in a separate building, and he had hoped that the kindergarten half of the new building could be partially reimbursed by the MSBA.

It also means a building twice as large, however, and without MSBA help, it means twice the expense on the town's capital improvement budget, which is funded by local property taxes.

This isn't the first time the town has been turned down by MSBA: Several years ago, the state refused three requests to fund a new Agawam High School, which would also have included a preschool to

replace Perry Lane. Even without MSBA help, though, Sapelli said the School Department is proceeding with plans for a new building, with a hoped groundbreaking date of September 2017. "We needed it yesterday, because we're overcrowded" at Perry Lane, Sapelli said. "Within a year, we'd like to see something happen."

The School Committee was slated to hear a presentation from architects Habeeb & Associates of Norwell, Mass., on Tuesday, after the Agawam Advertiser News' deadline.

Habeeb & Associates has been working with the schools' Facilities Needs Committee and, earlier this year, helped identify potential locations for the new structure. School Business Administrator Robert Clickstein said the committee has identified town-owned land to the north of Clark School as its preferred site for the new ECC, after having also looked at space on the Agawam Junior High School property.

Sapelli said it's too early to discuss construction costs. In December, Habeeb & Associates pegged the potential cost at \$8 million to \$10 million. According to meeting minutes, the architects described a 63,000 square foot building costing up to \$26.52 million at their March 15 meeting with the Facilities Needs Committee.

Sapelli said even with the new construction, he does not foresee any change to the town's current policy of offering half-day preschool. Full-day sessions would not be educationally appropriate for four-year-olds, he said. Kindergarten is offered on a full-day basis for all students.



Town-owned land behind Clark School is being considered for a new Early Childhood Center, to replace the overcrowded facility at Perry Lane Park. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

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SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL

Agawam comes from behind, beats Ludlow in five

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – The Agawam boys volleyball team has returned to the dominance that they enjoyed a few years ago when they won the state championship. Ludlow is still trying to reach that status.

When the two teams got together for the second team this season, Agawam had the clear edge after winning the first meeting with a 3-0 sweep.

But Ludlow was better prepared and was able to outlast Agawam in the third game and take the Brownies all the way to the limit before Agawam finally prevailed 3-2.

The teams consistently traded leads throughout the five-game set, and neither team scored less than 19 points in any of the first four games.

Ludlow was very aggressive trying to score points early and get Agawam off their game, but the Brownies found themselves consistently able to get the ball to their set-up man, Garrett Hollander, who really do an excellent job setting up his offense.

Agawam players amassed more than 60 kills in the game. Hollander alone provided 57 assists, following in the footsteps of Zach Goggin, who was a prominent set-up man for the Brownies



Garrett Hollander makes a jumping set. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



Alan Burlachenko comes through with a spike.

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LACROSSE

Tigers sink Brownies with late goal

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley High School boys lacrosse team managed to outlast Agawam in the final quarter to pick up an 11-10 victory in rainy conditions last Friday afternoon at Michael E. Smith Middle School.

The two teams battled back and forth for the entire game, trading leads and ties throughout.

At the end of the first three frames, though, the score was always knotted.

But time simply ran out on the Brownies as South Hadley grabbed the extra goal near the end of the game to take the win.

South Hadley would score the first goal of the game as well, with Griffin Fitzell connecting on a goal from a pass by Pat Crotty just 33 seconds into the game. The Tigers would make it 2-0 just 27 seconds later with a goal by Jimmy Moriarty from Fitzell.

Agawam would score about 30 seconds later with T.J. Maniscalchi connecting off a pass from Anthony Passerini.

With South Hadley leading 2-1, Agawam was finally able to come back and tie the score with an unassisted goal by Rob Mirolli



Goalie Adam Mazza tries to get possession of the ball behind the goal. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Matt Lemke competes for possession of a ground ball.

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SOFTBALL

Pacers shut out by Agawam's Wheeler

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – Both pitcher Alison Wheeler and the Agawam softball offense are in the zone as they move past the halfway point in the regular season.

Chicopee, on the other hand, is in a rebuilding process after a couple of playoff appearances the past two seasons.

Last Thursday night, the Brownies and Pacers braved the rain and Agawam picked up an 11-0 win under the lights at Szot Park.

Wheeler was in complete control of her game, allowing just three baserunners in the victory. She mowed through the first nine hitters in order to start the game, striking out the first eight hitters and getting the ninth on a short pop-up back to her.

Savannah Despres would get a single in the fourth inning, but Chicopee would be unable to do anything with that. The same applied to a Dorilyn Castillo hit in the fifth, and an Emma Bresnahan hit in the seventh.

Agawam's offense, meanwhile, had Zariha Clark and figured out. The Brownie bats would start

out slow, grabbing just a run in the first when Katie Grasso led off with a single and came around to score on a single by Rachel Laponese.

Grasso would walk in the third and scored on a triple by Wheeler. Wheeler would get plated with a Laponese single to make it 3-0 Agawam.

The Brownies would then strike for four runs in the sixth and four more in the seventh to put the game out of reach. In the sixth, it was the bottom of the order that got things going. Gianna Perella singled, Sierra Kruser and Samantha Stratton also singled. The runs started to score on a couple of fielder's choice plays that runners beat out. Wheeler also contributed a big double that drove in three runs.

In the seventh, Maria Moccio led off with a single, and Perella followed with a hit of her own. Jess Lingenberg singled, followed by singles from Kruser, Stratton, and designated hitter Emily Fountain, who got an RBI hit.

For the game, Agawam pounded out 19 hits. Every member of the Agawam lineup had a hit.

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Caleb Hodovanec keeps the ball off the ground with a dig. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

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during their run of championship appearances. Goggin was part of two Agawam sectional champion team and was on the state championship team.

Agawam was able to pick up a 25-19 win in the first game of the set. Ludlow would be able to come back in the second game, overcoming some early deficits, and eventually winning 25-21 in the second game.

The third got wild, with the scoring going back and forth through. Eventually, the score was tied 24-24, forcing extra volleys. That phase took a few tries back and forth, but Ludlow would end up prevailing with two straight points to win 28-26, giving the Lions an important 2-1 lead heading into the fourth game.

Agawam would start to put it together in the fourth game and went on to take the game 25-21. The Brownies then used that momentum to dominant the fifth game, jumping out to a lead and running away with the 15-7 deci-

sion to take the match.

Agawam's big catalyst was Mike Basile, who came through with 30 kills. Caleb Hodovanec had 15 kills and Alan Burlechenko finished with 10. Joe Hendrickson also had a good game with nine kills.

Holland led the Brownies in digs with 29. Mark Vilkhovoy had 25 and Burlechenko contributed 14.

For the Lions, Chandler Noga had 14 kills, while Nick Manewich finished with 11 and Alec Albright had 10. Timothy Cardaropoli had 26 dig, Noga had 15, and Logan Giebner finished with 10. Sergey Vikhrev had a good game setting up with 36 assists.

Ludlow dropped to 7-6 while the Brownies improved to an impressive 11-1. Their only loss this season was against Westfield. The two teams split their matchups this season. Westfield and Agawam could be a potential championship match this year.

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to make it 2-2.

The Brownies then took the lead when Matt Lemke scored with 2:55 remaining in the first quarter. The Tigers countered with the first of Pat Crotty's four goals with 1:32 remaining to tie the score 3-3.

In the second quarter, South Hadley found itself in the lead for the majority of the frame, and would go up 7-5 near the end of the second quarter, but Agawam came back right near the half with a goal to make it 7-6, then utilized a penalty to get possession and a man-advantage to set up a goal by Lemke. Lemke took a pass from Maniscalchi, turned around and shot on target with 9.2 seconds remaining to tie the score 7-7 at halftime.

The teams only managed a goal each in the third quarter to go to the final frame tied 8-8.

Crotty for South Hadley and Lemke for Agawam had four goals and one assist each to lead their respective teams.

Fernandes helped out South Hadley with three goals and one assist. Shane Smith had two goals and an assist. Corey Calkins made 14 saves. Agawam got three goals and a helper from Maniscalchi. Mirolli had two goals and two assists. Passerini also had two goals. Goalie Adam Mazza made six saves.

Agawam is now 4-9 and one more loss would mean they would



Matt Lemke winds up for a pass. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

need a second place or better record in their league to make tournament. The Brownies are currently in a three-way tie for first place with a 3-1 league record.

South Hadley is now 5-6 this season, but has struggled in the Valley Wheel League with a 1-3 record.

BASEBALL

Falcons win rout of Brownies

By Nate Rosenthal
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - In a rare Saturday afternoon matinee, the Minnechaug baseball team continued its fine play with a 9-1 win over Agawam. The game featured great pitching by the Falcons and a great deal of timely hitting.

The Falcons wasted no time getting a lead. Their first four batters reached base and before there was even one out, they had a 2-0 lead and all the runs they would need. They scored two more in the third, three in the fifth and two in the sixth. Meanwhile Cam Guyer had been shutting down the Brownies on just three hits, despite a rocky first inning. Agawam managed to score one run in their final at bat.

Kyle Trombley led off the game with a base hit. Jack Douglass reached on an error and Steve Pickering walked, Minnechaug had the bases loaded with no outs. Matt LaBranche, who would drive in four runs on the day singled in Trombley and Douglass for a 2-0 lead. Joe Oliver averted any further damage, retiring the next three batters.

Agawam had its best chance in the bottom of the frame, as Max Molta started things off with a double. Aiden Page singled him over to third. The Brownies tried to make something happen and Page took off for second with Mol-

ta about to try to steal home. The throw was cut off and Molta was out at the plate. A strikeout and ground later and the inning was over with no runs. A two out walk to Trombley was that Minnechaug could muster in the second, while Oliver was hit by a pitch and wiped out on a double play. The Falcons went up 4-0 with a pair in the third. After one LaBranche walked. Nate Florence lofted a fly to right that got away and both runners wound up at second and third. Dylan Hathaway drove them both home with a single. In the Agawam third, Tim Regnier and Troy Near led off with walks, but then Guyer got the next three to get out of any trouble. Through three, it was 4-0.

Oliver got the Falcons in order in the fourth. The Brownies managed a couple of base runners in their half. Dom Ingham led off with a double and after one out, Oliver walked. They two on, with one out, but two strikeouts by Guyer ended that. In the fifth, the Falcons effectively put the game away with a three spot. Steve Pickering led off with a single and scored on a double by LaBranche. Florence made it back to back doubles and a run batted in. Two batters later, Nate Epaul drove home Florence with a fly to center. In the Agawam fifth, it was three up and three down.

With a 7-0 lead, Minnechaug made it nine with LaBranche

driving in his fourth run on a fly to right. A Florence single scored Pickering with his third run. Ben Ward came in for Guyer and retired the side in order for Minnechaug. The Falcons threatened for more in the seventh as they led off the inning with three singles by Joe Lucas, Arnold Lee and Trombley, but rather to pour it on, the runner stayed put on a couple of fly outs. Agawam finally scored in the seventh. Jack Bubie walked and went to second on a single by Kevin Lecuyer. After the first out, a wild pitch moved them to second and third and a fly to center by Near was deep enough get Bubie home. Molta walked to extend things, but then Ward got the third out to end the game.

In his five innings of shutout ball, Guyer allowed just three hits, one after the first two batters of the game. He struck out five, while walking three and hitting one. On the offensive side, Trombley, Pickering, LaBranche, Florence and Hathaway had two hits each. LaBranche knocked in four and scored twice. Pickering, scored three times. Molta, with a double and walk, and Oliver a hit by pitch and walk, were the only Brownies to reach base twice.

For the Falcons, this was their fifth win in a row, a streak which began a week and half ago with a win over Agawam.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Lady Falcons blitz Agawam in girls lacrosse

By Nate Rosenthal
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM - Earlier in the season, the Minnechaug and Agawam girls' lacrosse teams played one another. At the time, the Falcons were number and the Brownies number three. When Agawam won that contest 10-7, the teams switched places in the standings. With their 15-5 win this week, the Falcons turned the tables and appear to be destined to get back their second place perch.

For Minnechaug, this was a statement game, as to who would be better equipped to take on Longmeadow for supremacy in girls' Division I. If the way that the Falcons took control in the second half after a tight first 25 minutes, they seem to be ready to be that team. The win was the third in a row for Minnechaug and their sixth in seven games. Though they are just 1-3 in Valley Wheel play, having lost twice to Longmeadow along with a 1-1 split against Agawam, the Falcons should move into the postseason on a roll. If all goes according to plan, the Falcons and Brownies will meet in the semifinals with a likely date against Longmeadow.

The Brownies scored first almost four minutes into the game. Then it was nine minutes more before Minnechaug could get the equalizer. Less than 25 seconds after they tied it, they went ahead. They added two more in the next three minutes. The Brownies stayed right with them and made it a two-point game at 5-3 with 36 seconds left in the half. Minnechaug took charge after the break, scoring three in the first five minutes and then adding two more over the next six. Agawam

was unable to respond in any consistent manner as the teams traded goals for the rest of the way.

Eliza Timms gave the Brownies a lead at 3:39, when she stole the ball and flipped it in seconds later. Some eight minutes passed before the Falcons would tie it. With 12:56 left in the first half, Olivia Naumec scored on a free shot. And then just 25 seconds later, Hannah Yell found Lauren Quinn to give the Falcons the lead. With 9:43 to go, Quinn scored again on a breakaway. She was fed by Kylie Hamakawa. Lilly Callahan made it 4-1 on a free shot with 8:24 left.

The Brownies got one back at 5:07, as Katie Martin took a pass in front from Jillian Scherpa. With 3:26 left Kristen Rheault got that back and then with 26 seconds to play, Timms hit the back of the net to make it 5-3 heading into the break.

Minnechaug wasted little time taking charge in the second half, scoring five unanswered goal to go up 10-3. It was Jordan Assad, 35 seconds in and then Rheault 2:47 into the half. Assad scored again at 4:20. Aleksei Mendrala scored for the Falcons with 14:33 to go and Assad completed her hat trick 24 seconds after Mendrala's goal. Martin scored nine seconds after that.

With 12:54 to play Assad put one in for Minnechaug and less than a minute after that Martin scored her third at 12:05. Assad answered nine seconds later at 11:56. The score was now 12-5. Minnechaug would get the next three goals for the final of 15-5. It was Naumec from Assad at 11:15; Quinn from Assad at 8:05 and Mendrala, unassisted at 5:18.

While Minnechaug outscored Agawam in the second half, 10-

2, they dominated the shots 18-3 keeping Sabrina Christie constantly on the move. She finished with five saves to six for Jessica Henry.

Assad had four goals and two assists to lead all scorers. Quinn and Rheault also had hat tricks for the Falcons with three goals each. Martin did the same for Agawam.

The Falcons also beat West Side 16-0 getting a five and five day from Assad. There were hat tricks by Mendrala, 3-0; Naumec, 3-1; Rheault 3-4. Minnechaug is 7-4 on the season. They take on Tantasqua in their next game. The Brownies recovered nicely with a 17-5 win over East Longmeadow and had a 17-2 win over Belchertown preceding the showdown. Martin was 7-2 in both games. Against Belchertown, Emily Oliver had three goals and against East Longmeadow, Izzy Liquori had four goals and an assist. Agawam is 6-3 and in the Valley Wheel, they still lead the Falcons at 3-3.

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Lapponese and Perella led the team with three hits each. Stratton, Moccio, Wheeler, Lingenberg, Kruser, and Grasso all had two hits each.

Grasso finished with three runs scored and Wheeler had four RBI.

Wheeler finished with a line of seven innings, allowing just three hits and striking out 15 hitters as the Brownies went to 9-2 with a perfect 4-0 Valley League record.

Chicopee's record dropped to 2-9 with a 1-3 Valley Wheel record.

Sports

The Week Ahead

Thursday, May 12

Baseball	
Westfield at Agawam	4 p.m.
Boys Lacrosse	
East Longmeadow at Agawam	4 p.m.
Girls Lacrosse	
Agawam at Northampton	6 p.m.

Friday, May 13

Softball	
Belchertown at Agawam	4 p.m.
Boys Tennis	
Agawam at Ludlow	3:30 p.m.
Girls Tennis	
Agawam at Ludlow	5:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 14

Boys Lacrosse	
Agawam at Tantasqua	12 p.m.
Girls Lacrosse	
Tantasqua at Agawam	12 p.m.
Boys Volleyball	
Hollis-Brookline at Agawam	12 p.m.

Sunday, May 15

No games scheduled.

Monday, May 16

Baseball	
East Longmeadow at Agawam	4 p.m.
Softball	
Agawam at Palmer	4:30 p.m.
Girls Tennis	
Agawam at Minnechaug	4 p.m.
Girls Track	
Agawam at Longmeadow	4:30 p.m.
Boys Volleyball	
Agawam at West Springfield	6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17

Girls Lacrosse	
Agawam at Westfield	5:30 p.m.
Softball	
Minnechaug at Agawam	4 p.m.
Boys Tennis	
Agawam at Belchertown	4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18

Baseball	
Agawam at Pittsfield	4:15 p.m.
Boys Volleyball	
Minnechaug at Agawam	6 p.m.

Brownies take down Orioles



Agawam players vie with Belchertown to get possession of a ground ball. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

AGAWAM – Last Monday afternoon, Agawam defeated Belchertown in girls lacrosse action 17-2 at School Street Park. In the victory, Agawam got a seven-goal performance by Katie Martin. Emily Over had three goals, and Christie Mirski and Nina Bruno had two goals each.



Hailey Lyne sprints up the field after taking possession.



Goalie Sabrina Christie passes the ball away.



Agawam's Izzy Liquori and Nina Bruno try to defend against Belchertown's Quinn Roche.



Eliza Timms tries to close a passing lane for Belchertown's Sarah Fournier.

COLLEGE NOTES

Owls lose in conference championship
WESTFIELD – The Westfield State University women's lacrosse team lost 11-10 in overtime to Bridgewater State in the conference championship. In the defeat, Samantha Lungarini (Agawam, Mass.) gave the Owls a boost heading to the locker room as she ran down Jordan Daniels' last-gasp pass with eight seconds left in the half and beat Bridgewater goalie Allie Forman to cut the lead to 6-4 at the intermission.

Vecchiarelli contributes for Lancers
WORCESTER – Alexis Vecchiarelli (Agawam, Mass.) scored two goals in Worcester State's 16-13 win over Framingham State in the MASCAC semifinals. She also scored in the Lancers' 17-16 loss in the semifinals against Westfield State on May 6.

Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League results

A's top Angels 11-8 in extra innings
The A's got off to a quick start in the top of the first taking advantage of three walks and hits by Oleksak, Powell and Smith leading to 5 runs. The Angels answered right back with three runs on hits by J. Smith, Dean, and M. Smith in the bottom half. The Angels continued to chip away adding runs in the 2nd and fourth innings to tie the game at 5. In the bottom of the 5th the Angels would add two more to take the lead with hits by M. Smith, Roberts, Collinwood and Scibelli. The A's would now be the ones to chip away at the lead adding a run in the 6th and a run in the 8th to tie it and send it to extra innings. The A's would take advantage of 4 walks and an error and big hits by Oleksak and Powell to score 4 runs in the top of the 10th. The Angels threatened in the bottom of the 10th scoring a run and stranding a few runners on a diving catch by Dan Baker in right field to end an exciting game 11-8.

Mobrice pitched 6 strong innings to get the win, moving the A's to 1-1. The Angles dropped to 1-1 despite a solid nine-inning performance by Josh Catter who took the no decision. Oleksak went 3-for-4 with 3 RBI, Smith was 3-for-4 with 3 RBI and Powell was 2-for-5 with 2 RBI for the A's. For the Angels, M. Smith went 3-for-5, Scibelli was 1-for-1 with three walks, was hit by a pitch, and had 2 RBI. Bartolotta and J. Smith each added two hits.

Orioles Beat Tigers 10-4
The Orioles notched their first victory of the year with a 10-4 win against the Tigers. The Orioles rode the arm of Tom Young who struck out 21 in a complete game performance. Paul Dube got things started for the Orioles in the bottom of the first inning, doubling to left field and later scoring on a wild pitch. The Orioles added two more in the bottom of the third inning before the Tigers struck back, scoring twice in the top of the

third to make it 3-2. The Orioles added two more in the bottom of the fourth inning when Andy Braley knocked in two with a double to left-center and didn't look back. The Orioles went on to score five more times with a run in the sixth, three in the seventh and one in the eighth to seal the victory. The Orioles moved to 1-1, while the Tigers dropped to 0-2.

Offensively for the Orioles, Paul Dube went 2-for-3 with two doubles and Andy Braley went 2-for-4 with 2 RBI. Jim Nason, Joe Arnone and Gabriel Colon added a hit a piece. For the Tigers, Jose Pena led the offense going 2-4 with two stolen bases and Jason Douglas went 1-for-3. Gary Cameron went six innings, striking out eight in a losing effort for the Tigers.

Twins and Cubs (PPD)
The game between the Twins and Cubs was postponed due to poor field conditions.

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WESTFIELD GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE at 28 Court St. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Perennials, annuals and indoor plants featured at reasonable prices, along with “garden art,” flower baskets, ornaments and accessories. A raffle of gift baskets will be included in the day’s activities.

Sunday, May 15

A JOURNEY OF HOPE AND RECOVERY NAMI walk-athon from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Beveridge Pavilion Annex at Stanley Park in Westfield. Complimentary food and beverages, music and a raffle for all ages. For more information, visit www.namiwm.org or call the office at 413-786-9139.

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

NORTHERN HARMONY WILL PERFORM in the Music on High Concert Series at First Church of Christ, Congregational, 81 High St., Suffield at 4 p.m. Requested donation is \$20 for general admission and members, \$15 for seniors and students. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call the church office at 860-668-7223.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a Remembrance Garden Dedication Ceremony at 11 a.m. in Forest Park on Sumner Avenue in Springfield to mark the opening of the garden, the first of its kind in the United

States. A reception will take place following the ceremony at the John Boyle O’Reilly Club in Springfield.

Monday, May 16

COLORING FOR GROWN-UPS at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. All coloring pages and supplies provided. To register for this adults-only program, call 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or register online at www.agawamlibrary.org.

Tuesday, May 17

SUFFIELD LOCAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL presentation at 7 p.m. on drug culture and drug abuse among school-aged children. All parents are invited to this event at Suffield High School, 1060 Sheldon St., West Suffield.

Wednesday, May 18

FAILED PLOTS TO ASSASSINATE U.S. PRESIDENTS will be the topic of the “Lunch for the Mind” program at 12:30 p.m. at the Granby Senior Center, 15 N. Granby Road, Granby, Conn. To register, call 860-844-5352. Cost to attend is \$5. Participants should bring their own lunch; beverages will be provided

Thursday, May 19

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present “Blue-Eyed Doll: The Story Behind the Book,” featuring author Deanna K. Klingel, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Friday, May 20

FRIENDS OF THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK SALE from 2-5 p.m., \$3 for the public, free for Friends members; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at no charge for all. All proceeds to benefit library programs.

Saturday, May 21

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. will focus on diabetes, cardiovascular health and healthy living. The public is invited. Free screening and measurements of blood sugar and blood pressure. The AJHS PTO is also hosting a tag sale on that day. The school is at 1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH chicken, biscuit and gravy supper at 6 p.m. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$8 for children under 12. For reservations, call Dot Bettinger at 413-357-6698. Tickets may be paid for and picked up at the Fellowship Hall door. The church is at 16 Granby Road, Granville.

SPRINGFIELD GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to noon on the Quadrangle at the Springfield Museums, 21 Edwards St. This club scholarship fundraiser will offer annuals, perennials, herbs, shrubs, and container plantings from members’ gardens and area nurseries, a vintage garden boutique, and an auction of prime plants.

Sunday, May 22

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11178 spring

breakfast from 8 to 11:30 a.m. in Father Shea Hall at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 224 Sheep Pasture Road, Southwick. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for children, and free for children under the age of 5. There is a \$25 maximum per family.

SCHOLA NOVA performance as part of the American Guild of Organists Invitational, “A Festival of Choirs, Brass and Organ” begins at 4 p.m. at the Christ Church Cathedral, 35 Chestnut St., Springfield. Free to the public. Donations accepted.

Wednesday, May 25

“CHAIR FIT PLUS: BEGINNER STRENGTH CLASS” with the YMCA at 10:30 a.m. the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The program will focus on the fundamentals of muscle strengthening, including core and balance. All exercises include the use of a chair. Registration not necessary.

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS of Western Mass. panel discussion on Mental Health and Elders from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Baystate Conference Center, 361 Whitney Ave., Holyoke. Keynote Speaker Dr. Benjamin Liptzin, former chair of psychiatry, Baystate Health. For more information, contact Jennifer Higgings, NAMI-WM vice president, at jhiggings@namiwm.org or 413-439-2261.

Thursday, May 26

2016 WORLD’S KIELBASA FESTIVAL AND INTERNATIONAL FAIR today from 4-10 p.m.; tomorrow from 4-11 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Monday from noon to 9 p.m. at the Young & Stroh Building, Coliseum and outdoor area on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. General admission, \$10; five-day pass, \$35; children 12 and under free with p aid adult; seniors, \$3; students, \$5 with identification.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present “Hollywood: Wild West to Movie Mecca,” featuring Anne Barrett, historical lecturer, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Monday, May 30

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL AND FIREHOUSE MUSEUM at 35 Elm St., Agawam will be open from noon to 3 p.m. and will feature a special exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Eastern States Exhibition. For more information, visit www.agawamhistoricalassociation.webs.com or follow on Facebook.

Friday, June 3

AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL’S BENEFIT DINNER DANCE at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Social hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., dancing until 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person; tables of eight, 10, and 12 available. For tickets, contact Maryellen Sullivan at 413-575-1759 or rudee38@comcast.net.

ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER of Western Mass, Inc. chicken cacciatore dinner at 6 p.m., 56 Margaret St., Springfield. Reservations on first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are \$15 for members; \$18 for non-members. Must be paid for in advance. Call Nancy 413-827-9350.

Sunday, June 5

THE SOUTHWICK GRANVILLE CROP HUNGER WALK at Southwick Congregational Church, 488 College Highway. Registration at noon and the walk will kick off at 1 p.m. To register, contact Clayton Cigal Jr. at cletocigal@yahoo.com or Marie Daniels at 413-562-1050.

Wednesday, June 8

FRIENDS OF THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY 3D Art Show today and tomorrow from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at

a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Sunday, June 12

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

Friday, June 17

GIANT INDOOR TAG AND RUMMAGE SALE today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Church Parish Hall, 331 Elm St., Westfield. Shoppers are asked to use the rear entrance from the parking lot with handicapped accessible ramp.

Saturday, June 18

STORROWTON VILLAGE MUSEUM opening day festivities take place from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include guided tours of the historic buildings with costumed interpreters teaching about daily life in the 19th century. For more information about events offered during Storrowton Village’s summer season, call the office at 413-205-5051 or visit TheBigE.com/sv.

ONGOING

GRANDPARENT’S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David’s Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children’s interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A roundtable discussion hosted by a local “veteran” mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level classroom at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandlin at rosemary-sandlin@gmail.com

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers “Crochet Club” every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

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The Agawam City Council will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, June 6, 2016, at 7:00pm**, at the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2017 to Fiscal Year 2021 as submitted to the City Council by the Mayor on April 14, 2016.

The Capital Improvement

Program is a prioritized plan of proposed capital improvements over the next five fiscal years. A capital improvement is a project or undertaking which provides for the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, renovation or replacement of a public building or facility; an addition to a public building or facility; the purchase of land, buildings or facilities for a public purpose; or a long range development study.

The Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2017

to Fiscal Year 2021 is available for public inspection at the City Clerk’s Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA between the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. The Capital Improvement Program is also available at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA and the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF:
James P. Cichetti
President of the City Council
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Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, May 16: Chicken breast supreme, baby potatoes, peas and carrots, bananas.
Tuesday, May 17: Meatloaf and mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, pudding.
Wednesday, May 18: Tortellini carbonara, spinach salad, diced pears.
Thursday, May 19: Baked ham, roasted sweet potatoes, peas, pineapple sauce, baked good.
Friday, May 20: Clam chowder, tuna sandwich, cucumber salad, pineapple.

Calendar of Events

Monday, May 16: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., bingo; 2-4 p.m., monthly dance; 3:30 p.m., first rehearsal for senior theater group; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.
Tuesday, May 17: 9 a.m., exercise, knitting class,

sewing class; 9:30 a.m., shuffleboard meets at St. John’s field; 10 a.m., chair exercise; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie (“I’ll See You in My Dreams”), ladies billiards; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance; 6:30 p.m., evening sewing class, Agawam Junior Woman’s Club meeting.
Wednesday, May 18: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m.,yoga; 8:30 a.m., Meet the Mayor; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, ballroom lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Age Chapter 2 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.
Thursday, May 19: 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch, open art; 2 p.m., Melody Band practice; 6:30 p.m., pitch, evening line dancing.
Friday, May 20: 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art class; 10 a.m., tai chi; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage.

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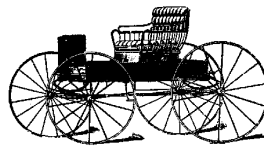
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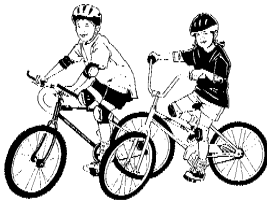
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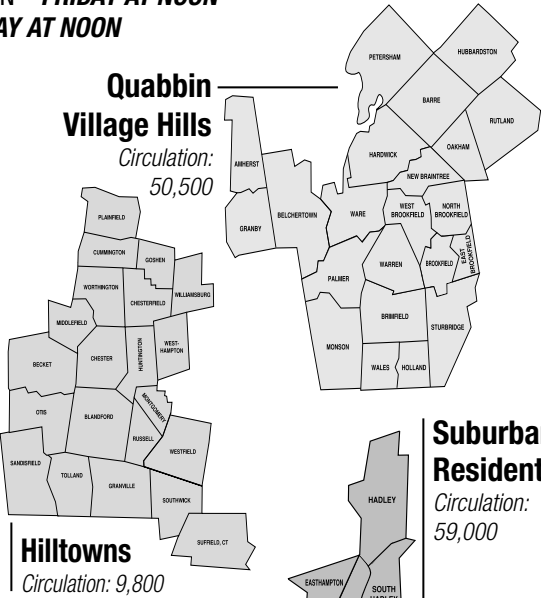
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Jeff Gavioli and his Bad News Jazz & Blues Orchestra will be the featured musical act at the June 3 Agawam Cultural Council Benefit Dinner Dance at Crestview Country Club. SUBMITTED PHOTO

More 'Bad News' for Cultural Council dinner dance

The Agawam Cultural Council expects more "Bad News" at its upcoming June benefit dinner dance. Jeff Gavioli and his Bad News Jazz & Blues Orchestra will return by popular demand as the featured musical act at the Friday, June 3, event to be held at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

The evening will start with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and dancing until 10:30 p.m. to the sounds of one of the Pioneer Valley's most popular big band jazz groups. The 18-piece group, complete with vocalist, will provide original big band style jazz and swing music throughout the evening. Free dance instruction will be provided from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. by Jo Sarnelli and Jeff Lander.

Tickets to the dinner dance are \$45 per person, with tables of eight, 10, and 12 available. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Maryellen Sullivan at 413-575-1759 or rudee38@comcast.net. Tickets may also be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope and check made out to Agawam Cultural Council to Agawam Cultural Council, Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001, Attention: Dinner Dance.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Agawam Cultural Council's "Give Back

to the Community" program. The program, which is funded entirely by the council's own local fundraising efforts, has made possible such activities as writing contests, productions by Shakespeare & Co. at the Agawam High School, the Applause Series — monthly events from September to May, free and open to the public, featuring a variety of performers, authors and lecturers — donations to support the Captain Charles Leonard House, the Agawam Public Library and the Friends of the Agawam Public Library Juried Art and Photo Show, the Springfield Symphony Orchestra Musical Petting Zoo presented to kindergarten students at all Agawam elementary schools, and tickets to Majestic Theater summer programs for children participating in library-held contests.

The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The Cultural Council is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities and sciences to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

Learn more about the Agawam Cultural Council at www.agawamcc.org.

Elvis meets his fans



Nurse Irene Flannery, of Agawam, center, is shown with her 95-year-old mother and Elvis tribute artist Ray Guillemette Jr., at the Little Sisters of the Poor fundraiser. SUBMITTED PHOTOS BY GERALDINE SCHILLING-NORDAL



Elvis tribute artist Ray Guillemette Jr. of Agawam, appeared recently at the Rock-athon Fundraiser for the Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Joseph's Residence in Enfield, Conn. Guillemette is pictured with 91-year-old Dorothy Maggio, who reads the Agawam Advertiser News weekly.

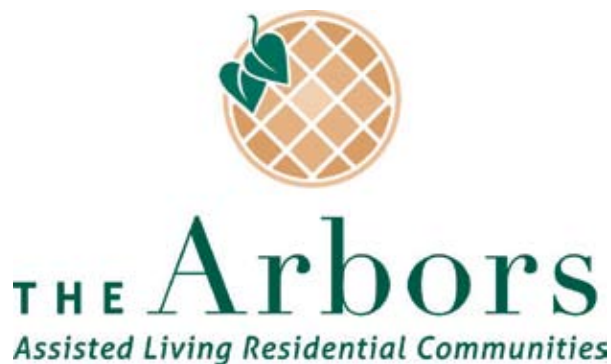
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****Seating is limited so please RSVP at 413.562.0001. *****

Refreshments and Q & A session

The Arbors at Westfield invites family members & the community to an informational session on **National Clinical Drug Trials** for mild to moderate memory impairment presented by Springfield Neurology Research.



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